



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ASSESSING TIGER & PREY POPULATIONS IN WESTERN FOREST COMPLEX, THAILAND

PURPOSE

Within the framework of its project *Accelerating Tiger Recovery Along the Thailand-Myanmar Border*, and in cooperation with the Department of National Parks, Wildlife, and Plant Conservation (DNP), IUCN is pleased to announce a call for proposals for tiger conservation in the western portion of Thailand's Western Forest Complex (WEFCOM).

ELIGIBILITY

The call is open to local and international NGOs, universities and research organisations, community groups, and other civil society organisations. Applicants must be legally registered organisations in Thailand. Applicants should have a track record of conducting camera trap surveys of tigers and their prey in Thailand.

SCOPE OF WORK

Applicants will use camera traps to survey and identify the distribution and status of tiger and prey populations in **one or more of the following protected areas** in southern WEFCOM:

1. Khao Laem National Park
2. Khuean Srinagarindra National Park
3. Sai Yok National Park
4. Erawan National Park

The Scope of Work includes four basic tasks. In one or more of these protected areas, grantees will:

1. Deploy camera traps in line with DNP's standard tiger monitoring protocol based on a 3 x 3 km grid. Based on the size of each protected area, the table below shows the maximum number (could be more) of camera traps that would need to be deployed for complete coverage. Applicants are requested to describe how they intend to work toward this number using a combination of new and existing cameras recognizing that it may not be possible to achieve 100% coverage.

Protected area	Number of camera traps
Khao Laem	127
Khuean Srinagarindra	198
Sai Yok	101
Erawan	55
Total	481

DNP recommends camera traps with the following minimum specifications:

Trigger Speed	1/4 second, fast trigger speeds
Day & Night Images	Full color, 5MP or 20MP color images
Image Imprint	Date, time, moon phase, CAM ID

2. Use camera trap data to build a GIS database on tigers, prey species, and threats.
3. Analyze these data and produce regular reports on the distribution and status of the tiger and prey populations and threats. The reports should include recommendations for strengthening both research and management.
4. Proactively share these data with DNP and its Kao Nang Ram Wildlife Research Station. The applicant must identify a principal investigator who will be responsible for communicating and ensuring close liaison with DNP and IUCN on all technical matters.

Grants cannot be used for) :i (purchase of land;)ii (removal or alteration of any physical cultural property) including those with archaeological, paleontological, historical, religious or unique natural values(;) iii(relocation of people or any other form of involuntary resettlement; or)iv(capitalization of trust funds.

FORMAT

Applicants must use the attached proposal format. Proposals must be in English. **Applicants can propose to work in one, two, three, or all four protected areas. Only one proposal is needed**, irrespective of the number of protected areas the applicant proposes working in.

DEADLINE

Proposals should be submitted by email to Pratheep Mekatitam at Pratheep.Mekatitam@iucn.org by **18:00 Bangkok time on 12 June 2020** . Late applications will not be considered .

FUNDING LEVELS

Applicants can apply for up to US\$50,000 per protected area, so up to a maximum of US\$200,000. Grants will be provided in instalments. All activities must be completed within 24 months. Applicant should assume a start date of 1 August 2020 or sooner. A management fee of 8% is allowed.

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Copyright of camera trap photos and GIS database will be shared by the applicant organization, DNP, and IUCN. All camera traps purchased with project funds will be handed over to DNP at the close of the project.

SELECTION PROCESS

Proposals will be evaluated by a selection committee that includes representatives from IUCN and DNP, and an external evaluator. Proposals will be evaluated against a range of criteria, including: applicants' previous experience of working in the selected protected areas; qualifications and experience of project staff; the technical quality of the proposed survey methodology and consistency with DNP protocol; cost-effectiveness; and mechanisms to ensure coordination and collaboration with DNP.

BRIEFING SESSION

IUCN and DNP will organise a briefing session on this call via Zoom on **27 May 2020 14.00-15.00**. If you would like to join the call, please email Pratheep.Mekatitam@iucn.org to confirm and receive an invitation.

The selection process will be competitive. Not all applicants are guaranteed funding.